Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. *(currently amended)* An airbag for protecting an occupant, comprising:

a left half airbag to be inflated at a front left of the occupant and having a distal end; and

a right half airbag to be inflated at a front right of the occupant and having a distal end, said distal ends of the left and right half airbags being <u>unconnected and</u> separated from each other to form a space therebetween facing the occupant when the airbag is inflated.

2. (original) An airbag according to claim 1, wherein said distal ends of the left and right half airbags are spaced by a distance between 150 and 350 mm when the airbag is inflated.

3. (original) An airbag according to claim 1, further comprising a base for communicating the left and right half airbags, said left and right half airbags being inflatable by a common inflator.

4. (original) An airbag according to claim 1, wherein said left half airbag is connected with the right half airbag at a midsection thereof.

5. (original) An airbag according to claim 4, wherein each of said left half airbag and said right half airbag is formed of a plurality of panels having joint allowances disposed at the midsection, said left half airbag being connected with the right half airbag at the joint allowances.

6. (original) An airbag according to claim 1, wherein at least one of said left half airbag and said right half airbag has an inclined upper portion when the airbag is inflated.

7. (original) An airbag according to claim 1, wherein at least one of said left half airbag and said right half airbag has a width gradually decreasing upwardly when the airbag is inflated.

8. (original) An airbag device comprising the airbag according to claim 1 and an inflator for inflating the airbag.

9. (new) An airbag according to claim 1, further comprising a base connected to the left and right half airbags, said left and right half airbags communicating only through the base.